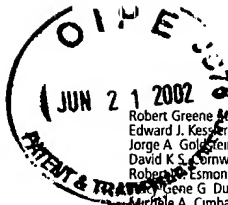




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In reply to the "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers" dated May 3, 2002, Applicant submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers;
2. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
3. **One (1)** sheet of drawings (Figures 1-4); and
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